



ECCO IIS Registry Grant - Fact Sheet

The European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO) offers the ECCO IIS Registry Grant to promote innovative scientific research in the area of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD) in Europe, **with a focus on research projects using a registry tool**. Priority will be given to research projects which include the use of the United Registries for Clinical Assessment and REsearch (UR-CARE).

The ECCO IIS Registry Grant is designed to support IBD Research conducted by international multicentre study groups. One ECCO IIS Registry Grant may be given in 2022.

In order to be eligible, the candidate must:

1. Apply on behalf of a multicentre study group
2. Submit a broad research hypothesis using the "ECCO IIS Registry Grant Annex", not exceeding 5 pages and the indicated word count for each subtopic. Applications exceeding the word and page count will not be evaluated.
3. The principal investigator of the ECCO IIS Registry Grant application needs to be ECCO Member (at the time of application).
4. ECCO IIS Registry Grant applicants are not limited to the ECCO Member Countries and can apply from non-European countries; however, the impact of the project for the IBD community has to be clearly stated and the project lead should remain in Europe. Applicants who plan to use UR-CARE as their project registry should take into account the European legal framework of the database (i.e. compliance with national regulations of non-European centres would need to be verified by the study group).

Terms of submission

1. A total of EUR 40.000 will be awarded per ECCO IIS Registry Grant. ECCO expects to be informed if ECCO Grant applicants succeed in receiving additional funding for their project; this is likely to be regarded as an "add-on" and to not conflict with ECCO. The prize can be spent on consumables and/or salary. A maximum EUR 20.000 of the prize can be spent on salary (up to 50 % of the prize).
2. The duration of the ECCO IIS Registry Grant is up to 36 months. An additional preliminary year can be granted for a preparatory phase to the study project (i.e. getting registry approved and patient data entered).
3. Members of the ECCO Governing Board and ClinCom are excluded from applying.
4. Only one proposal may be submitted per applicant/department by the submission date.
5. All applicants should submit a proposal for a broad research hypothesis using the ECCO [Fellowships and Grants Online Submission Pages](#). Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.



6. Applications should contain the following information:

- o Project title
- o Name, address, affiliation(s), ECCO Member ID of the applicant
- o Summary of the proposal (max. 300 words)
- o Introduction (max. 900 words)
- o Objectives (max. 450 words)
- o Methodology and working plan (including chronogram) (max. 1350 words)
- o Significance and impact (max. 225 words)
- o Background of the research group (max. 450 words)
- o Budget

The following documents will also be needed:

- o CVs of the ECCO IIS Registry Grant applicants (Project Coordinator and Principal Investigators)
 - o Approval of the institution (e.g. necessary equipment will be made available; confirming the employment of the applicant; scientific and administrative support)
 - o IRB (clinical/experimental) approval of the project – if applicable
7. The annual deadline for submission for an ECCO IIS Registry Grant is **August 1**.
 8. Evaluation of applications is made according to six criteria (see review process, below) by European IBD specialists. Applications will be discussed by the Clinical Research Committee in autumn and applicants informed in **November**.
 9. Payment is processed before **December 31**, contingent upon the ECCO IIS Registry Grant Agreement signed between the participating institutions and ECCO.
 10. Successful applicants will receive the Award at the Annual Congress of ECCO and are expected to be present.
 11. After 12 months, an update of one page has to be submitted to ECCO. The final report (a synopsis of 300 words) is due within 6 months of the project end and should be submitted to ECCO for publication on the ECCO Website and/or ECCO News.
 12. ECCO IIS Registry Grant holders are required to inform ClinCom of all abstracts and publications of the project. In case this is not paid attention to, ECCO reserves the right to not review further Grant applications of the principal investigator.
 13. When presenting or publishing results of the project, the ECCO IIS Registry Grant shall be acknowledged on printed or electronic matters (no logos) as contributing to their funding. In case this is not paid attention to, ECCO reserves the right to not review further Award applications of the principal investigator.
 14. ECCO encourages Grant awardees to offer the paper to JCC for publication.

Review Process

1. All projects will be reviewed and scored by the members of the ECCO Clinical Research Committee, with external review requested and expected, based on the following criteria:
 - o Originality and innovative nature of the proposal
 - o Methodology



- Feasibility of research project and budget
 - International scientific level of the research team
 - Importance of the project in the field of IBD
 - Formal criteria (no indication of copy/paste application, compliance with word/page limits, justified budget, IRB approval)
2. The ECCO Clinical Research Committee makes the selection and seeks approval from the ECCO Governing Board.
 3. The award of the ECCO IIS Registry Grant will be handed over during the next ECCO Congress.

Scoring System

The following procedure for the scoring system for Awards will apply:

1. *Review by ClinCom & external reviewers:* Each Award application will be reviewed by 1 member of ClinCom and a minimum of 2 external reviewers. They will score their assigned applications according to the six evaluation criteria and comment on each application.
2. *Ranking:* Applications are ranked according to their overall average scores.
3. *Final approval:* by the Governing Board of ECCO
4. *Acceptance/rejection letters:* Candidates will be informed of their application outcome by ECCO

Reviewers

Reviews for the Grant will be requested according to individual expertise and selected from the following candidates:

- ECCO Officers
- Former speakers at the ECCO Congress
- Acknowledged experts
- Successful candidates of Grants